

The EAST SIDER

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East Raleigh Citizens Advisory Council Monthly Newsletter

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EAST CAC AREA NEIGHBORHOODS: Belvidere Park, Bennett Woods, Country Club, Gatewood, Heritage Heights, Lakewood, Lion's Way, Lockwood, Longview Gardens, Longview Park, Raleigh North Apts., Rollingwood, Victoria Place, Windsor Park, Woodcrest.

East CAC Meeting Agenda

7:00 p.m. – November 17, 2008

1. Police Report: Concerns/Issues/Q&A
2. Presentations & Reports:
 - Parks & Recreation Events – Mark Wilson
 - Presentation by City of Raleigh Police Chief Harry Dolan
 - Community Asset Mapping – Ann Steedly
 - Rezoning Case Z-15-09 (512 & 604 Donald Ross Drive next to Raleigh Country Club)
 - Proposed ABC Store at Longview Shopping Center
 - Discussion of St. Augustine's Athletic Field
3. Other Business
4. Adjournment

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Liza Weber-Brglez... 857-4455

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Graffiti Hotline.....996-6001

Housing/Environmental Inspections:

807-5110

Potholes? Public Works Dept..996-6446

pothole@ci.raleigh.nc.us

Street lights out?

Progress Energy.....508-5400

Drainage Complaint Hotline....996-3940

Trash pick-up troubles?

Raleigh Solid Waste...996-6194

Recycling Education...996-6890

For more information on the City of Raleigh Planning Dept. rezoning processes:

a) Pending Zoning Cases:

b) Current Zoning Cases:

Visit: www.raleighnc.gov and click on Zoning/Rezoning.

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MANY CITY PHONE NUMBERS ARE CHANGING!!!



Please look in the City Contact Information to see some of the new numbers and make a note for your records.

NOTES FROM EAST CAC CHAIRMAN, MARK TURNER:



Hello neighbors! I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall weather. It's a great time of year to walk around your neighborhood and get to know your neighbors. I've been very happy at the cooperation I've seen in our east Raleigh communities. People are empowering

themselves, folks are getting organized, and people are working together to solve our common problems.

When you're busy working on your little piece of the puzzle, it's sometimes easy to overlook the bigger picture being built. That's why I think it's important to recognize that though some issues may pop up here and there, in the big picture, life here in east Raleigh gets better every day.

Thanks for your efforts in improving our neighborhood, and thanks for trusting me to be your CAC chair. Together we are building a better community.

And most importantly, don't miss your chance this month to talk about our part of town with Raleigh Police Chief Harry Dolan.

Mark Turner, East CAC Chairman

East Raleigh CAC Meeting Minutes: October 20, 2008
Submitted by Sue Sturgis, Secretary

The East Raleigh CAC met at Lions Park Community Center on Monday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. with about two-dozen residents, Police Sgt. Matthew McKee and Charlene Willard of the city's Community Services Department. Also attending was a visitor from the Neighborhood College, a city program helpful in understanding city government and services.

Mark noted that the asset mapping agenda item has been put off to a later date; this is an effort on the part of the Southeast Raleigh Assembly to identify resources in the community and unite them to work on common issues. He also noted that Police Chief Harry Dolan would be attending the November CAC meeting to get input for his department's five-year strategic plan.

Sgt. McKee gave the crime report. The good news was there were no murders for the second month in a row. There was one rape that remains under investigation; it appears that the victim knew the assailant through her job so this was not a stranger assault. There is a continued pattern of residential burglaries occurring during the day when people leave their homes, which probably means someone is watching the house. Entry is being made through rear doors and windows. Residents should pay attention to any unusual vehicles and to look passersby in the eye so they know they've been seen. Sgt. McKee also recommends alarm systems for an extra degree of security. Residents can request that a crime prevention officer visit their home to identify problems. With cold weather approaching, remember not to let your car warm up in the driveway unattended. Other concerns discussed were ongoing problems with burglaries at the country club, a still-unsolved incident where 15 cars had their tires slashed, excessive noise related to The Glorious Church, and speeding school and CAT buses.

The main agenda item was the rezoning case involving the Poe House property near Wake Med. In the past month the developer worked with nearby residents to address a number of concerns, including traffic, access, setbacks and height limits. It was acknowledged that the rezoning does not fit with the city's comprehensive plan and will require the shifting of a policy boundary line. Some residents expressed concern about voting on the project without knowing all the details. In the end, the CAC approved with no opposition a motion of general support for the project with the understanding that the developers will continue to work with nearby residents to iron out lingering concerns.

There was a discussion about the plans to close the ABC liquor store on New Bern Avenue near

downtown and open another one in Longview Shopping Center. ABC authorities plan to purchase the First Citizens Bank building there, tear it down and build a new, larger structure. There are concerns that it is too close to residential neighborhoods, churches, schools and daycare centers, and that it will prove a “poison pill” for the shopping center. Further meetings are planned to discuss the project.

Concerns were also brought up about St. Augustine College’s plan to build a new athletic facility on campus, particularly about how parking will impact the surrounding neighborhoods.

The meeting adjourned around 8:45 p.m.

You are invited to the official release of Raleigh’s updated Comprehensive Plan Draft December 3, 2008, at the Raleigh Convention Center.

The program will include short presentations and an open house. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet and talk with members of the City Council, Planning Commission, City Planning staff, and other City boards and commissions. The project consultants also will be in attendance. Summaries of key elements of the updated Comprehensive Plan will be available. Important policy maps from the plan will be on display, including a new land use plan.

The updated Comprehensive Plan draft is the culmination of 18 months of work on the part of City staff and consultants. The plan will provide the framework to guide the city’s growth through 2030.

December 1 the Plan will be available for review and comment both on-line and at City of Raleigh offices and Wake County public libraries. A special website will allow anyone with an internet connection to comment on every policy and action statement in the Plan. Comments also will be accepted in any form that citizens may wish to use, from letters to phone calls. The comment period will be open from Dec. 1, 2008 through Jan. 31, 2009. During this time, the final three citywide public workshops will be held to provide another vehicle for input. Public briefings will be held to answer questions about the Plan.

For more information visit www.planningraleigh2030.com.

SEASONAL LEAF COLLECTION TO COMMENCE

This year's Loose Leaf Curbside Collection Program is scheduled to start on **Wednesday, November 12, 2008**. As a reminder, all citizens of Raleigh that receive the loose leaf curbside service can also have their leaves removed **BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER** the Loose Leaf Program if the leaves are put/placed in **CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS, PAPER BAGS AND/OR PERMANENT CONTAINERS**. This service is available year-round on their schedule yard waste collection day. More information on the loose leaf collection:



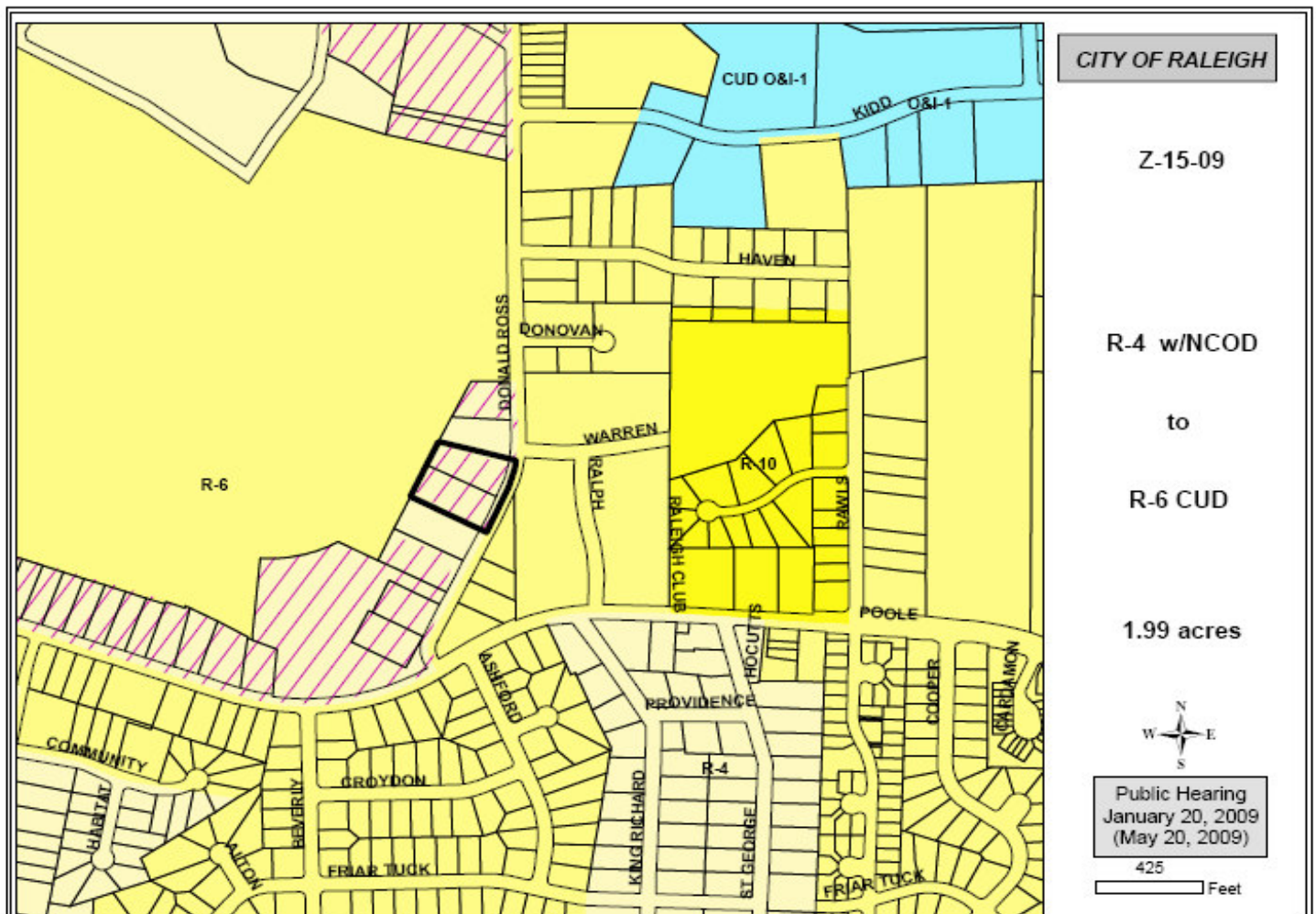
- The Loose Leaf Curbside Collection Program will make two complete passes of the city, weather permitting -- one pass before Christmas Day and one additional pass that will start January 5.
- There will also be focus on the high volume street parking areas such as around inner city colleges along with the downtown area the one week between the two passes. (Dec. 29 - Jan. 2)
- Loose leaves should be raked to the curb, **not** in the street.
- Keep loose leaves off sidewalks, water meter boxes and away from fire hydrates.
- Obstruction in front of leaf piles such as vehicles may cause your leaves to be passed by.
- Leaf piles need to be within 6 to 8 feet of the curb or edge of pavement (if no curb is present) if at all possible.
- Make sure no other yard waste (limbs, sticks and so on) are mixed with leaves.

To find out when our program is going to be in your area during the Loose Leaf Program:

1. We will frequently update our map link on the web page.
2. We have a 24-hour automated phone line 919-890-3720 (919-996-3720 after Oct. 24)
3. We will do frequent updates on Cable Channel 22
4. We also advertise in the News and Observer in the City section, with a map indicating areas to be worked, weather permitting.

Request for Zoning Change

- 1) Petitioner(s): Tommy H. Oates, 3317 Trenton Rd., Raleigh, NC 27607
o_tommy@bellsouth.net
- 2) Property Owner(s): Elizabeth L. Grady, 501 E. Whitaker Mill Rd.,
Raleigh, NC 27608 919-839-8669
- 3) Contact Person(s): Tommy H. Oates 919-868-6500
Janet Grady, P.O. Box 51823, Durham, NC 919-968-0326
Jgrady4211@aol.com
- 4) Property Description: Wake County Property Identification Number(s) (PIN):
1723069918 and 1723068854
512 & 604 Donald Ross Drive between intersections with Poole Rd. &
Warren Ave.
- 5) Area of Subject Property (acres): .94A & 1.05A = 1.99A
- 6) Current Zoning District(s) Classification: R-4 with the Southern NCOD of the King Charles Neighborhood Plan
- 7) Proposed Zoning District Classification: R-6, CUD
- 8) Conditions being requested:
 1. Maximum of 8 dwelling units
 2. Exterior building materials shall be limited to brick, stone, wood, masonry and hardiboard.



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



RALEIGH NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE

A great experience for Raleigh citizens

Come learn how your tax dollars help make Raleigh's quality of life truly exceptional!

The Raleigh Neighborhood College is a series of 12 classes, offering an informative overview of Raleigh's city government operations and activities. The City of Raleigh, in partnership with Peace College offers this program to Raleigh citizens.

Spring session 2009

Cost: no charge (dinner included)

Class meets Thursdays from 6 - 9 p.m. at Peace College.

For an application, contact Kevin Smith
831-6117 • kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us

WANT TO STRENGTHEN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD'S QUALITY OF LIFE?

Become a Citizen Area Liaison

and serve as a link between your neighborhood residents and any organization, agency, and resource, including, but not limited to, the City of Raleigh. See your neighborhood improve and thrive over a period of time and gain satisfaction and pride by knowing that you helped to bring about those changes. **For more information,** contact

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RALEIGH TO HOST NEIGHBORHOOD USA's 2010 NATIONAL CONFERENCE



Raleigh has been selected to host Neighborhoods USA's (NUSA) 35th National Conference on Neighborhood Concerns in 2010. The conference will be held May 19-22, 2010 in the new downtown convention center.

"It is a pleasure and we are honored that Raleigh was selected to host the 2010 NUSA conference," said Hardy Watkins, director of the City of Raleigh's Community Services Department, which provides services to Raleigh neighborhoods. "A national organization like NUSA is an encouragement to our citizenry and the City of Raleigh. We recognize the importance of grassroots democracy, citizen participation, establishing partnerships with government and others, and transparency in the governmental decision-making process. NUSA will bring to Raleigh new ideas, and innovative approaches and solutions to addressing neighborhood quality of life concerns. The City of Raleigh looks forward to hosting this 2010 conference." For more information, contact Hardy Watkins, Director, Community Services Department at 831-6100



RALEIGH NEIGHBORHOOD EXCHANGE

Join other Raleigh residents and citizens for interactive information sessions addressing community issues. Dynamic keynote speakers share neighborhood empowerment successes from other cities.

Does Raleigh's quality of life and other critical issues matter to you? If so, we look forward to your attendance at the 2009 conference!

For more information contact 831-6100

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



Now Accepting Applications

Do you want to enhance your leadership potential and grow stronger in your civic engagement with Raleigh's municipal government? If so, the *Citizens Participation Leadership Institute (CPLI)* is for you. Offered by the City of Raleigh & Shaw University, CPLI consists of 10 classes.

Spring session begins 2009

Cost: no charge (dinner included)

Class meets Thursdays from 6 - 8 p.m.,
Estey Hall, Shaw University.

For an application, contact Charlene Willard
831-6095 • charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REGISTRY

To identify and support existing neighborhood organizations, Community Services offers a registry program for different types of neighborhood groups and associations, such as a neighborhood association, garden club, homeowners association, community watch program, etc., we encourage you to contact your neighborhood leaders and have them complete a Neighborhood Association Registry application. It's **FREE** to register.

To Register, contact Charlene Willard
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GOOD NEIGHBORS MAKE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

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